Remarks

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2004, Applicant has amended the claims as provided above to respond to the Examiner's rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to eliminate unnecessary limitations in the claims as originally submitted.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 11-15 were allowed by the Examiner and that claims 5, 7 and 19 were indicated by the Examiner to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and place the claims in independent form. Claim 21 generally corresponds to prior claim 5 but has been somewhat broadened by elimination of necessary limitations. Claim 26 generally corresponds to prior claim 7. Claims 30-34 generally correspond to previously submitted claims 11-15, and claim 35 generally corresponds to prior claim 19. Claims 22-25 depend from claim 21. Claims 27-29 depend from claim 26. Claims 31-34 depend from claim 30 and claims 36-37 depend from claim 35.

Applicant submits that all of the claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance.

A check in the amount of $98.00 is enclosed to cover the Petition fee of $55.00 and the additional claims filing fee of $43.00. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

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